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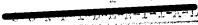
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SUBJECT: Authorization of Couriers and Guards to Carry Firearms.

REFERENCE: Central Intelligence Act of 1949, Public Law 110-81st Congress, approved 20 June 1949.

- 1. Under reference law, couriers and guards are authorized to carry firearms when engaged in transportation of confidential documents and materials affecting the national defense and security.
 - 2. The following general policies will apply:
 - a. Authority is limited to those instances involving risk or danger of theft.
 - b. Normally, couriers in the Washington Metropolitan Area need not be armed.
 - c. Carrying personal firearms while on official business is prohibited.
- 3. The Chief of Inspection and Security, acting for the Director, is responsible for:.
 - a. Authorizing the carrying of firearms in each case.
 - b. Issuing necessary credentials.
 - c. Assuring the individual's familiarity with the weapon from official records or through training. An issue of up to 100 rounds of ammunition per individual for training is hereby authorized.
 - d. Assuring that arms and ammunition are returned daily, immediately after the trip for which issued, or as soon as the need no longer exists.
 - e. Instructing all persons in civilian electrics as to concealment of arms. Military personnel in uniform will comply with service regulations.
 - fo. Coordination to insure proper accounting and maintenance of arms and ammunition.

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- 4. Assistant Directors and Staff Chiefs will:
 - a. Furnish to the Chief of Inspection and Security (with justifications):
 - (1) Names and assignments of individuals and alternates required to carry firearms either on a continuing basis, frequently, or occasionally by specific request.
 - (2) Designations of field offices or other installations in the United States requiring the issue of firearms, giving names and assignments of persons to be armed.
 - b. Issue the necessary instructions for the use of firearms outside the United States.
 - c. Refer to the Chief, Inspection and Security, any request for exceptions to the provisions of this Instruction.
- 5. Nothing herein applies to the official use of firearms for authorized operational or training purposes, or to the authorized arming of couriers or guards outside of the United States.

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